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SUBJECT: BRIGADIER TIN U'S VISIT TO MALAYSIA

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1. RANGOON PAPERS FRONTPAGED RETURN OF BRIG TIN U AND PARTY
SEPT 5, BUT GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS OF VISIT AND DID NOT
MENTION BRIEF BANGKOK STOPOVERS.

2. AGREE WITH REF A THAT SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS MAY NOT HAVE LOOMED
LARGE ON AGENDA. HOWEVER, PRESENCE IN DELEGATION OF SUCH HIGH
RANKING OFFICERS AS GENERAL STAFF COLONEL KYI MAUNG (A LIKELY
EVENTUAL SUCCESSOR TO TIN U AS ARMY VICE CHIEF OF STAFF) AND
COLONEL SAW PRU (WHO RUNS AIR FORCE ON DAY TO DAY BASIS) WOULD
INDICATE THAT VISIT WAS MORE THAN SIMPLY CEREMONIAL.

3. ACCORDING ONE FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHE WHO COLOSE TO
MALAYSIAN EMBASSY, MALAYSIANS HAD TO WORK HARD TO PERSUADE GUB
TO RECIPROCATE SO SOON LAST JANUARY'S VISIT TO RANGOON OF
MALAYSIAN CHIEF OF STAFF.

4. MAIN BENEFIT OF VISIT MAY HAVE BEEN IN EXPOSING TIN U

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TO OUTER WORLD FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1964. DYANISM AND

RELATIVE PROSPERITY EVIDENT IN KUALA LUMPUR AND ELSEWHERE IN
MALAYSIA (WHICH DID NOT ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITISH UNTIL
MORE THAN NINE YEARS AFTER BURMA DID) MAY HAVE GIVEN TIN U
SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT, AS HOPEFULLY IT DID FOR CHAIRMAN
NE WIN ON HIS VISIT TO MALAYASIA LAST JUNE.
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